

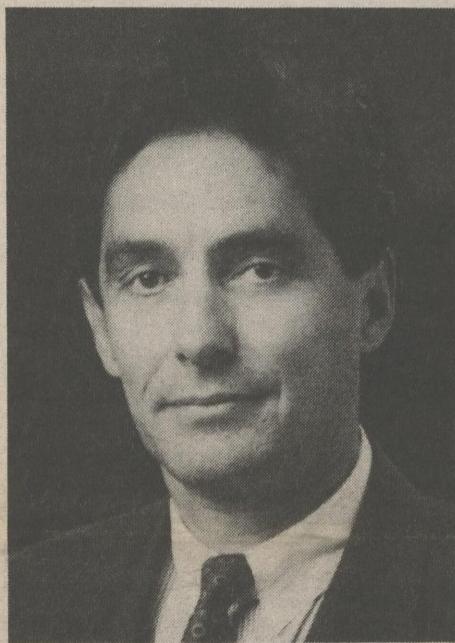


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## BIOGRAPHY OF MR. YVES GISSE

Mr. Yves Gisse is a national of France, born in La Rochelle. He joined the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C., in 1969 and has worked in the field of economics and statistics with an expertise in the areas of international trade and other Fund related issues. He was appointed Manager of the IMF Visitors' Center in June 1986. In addition to his professional responsibilities Mr. Gisse has been the President of the IMF Art Society for the last four years. He was also founder of the international study program "Center for Studies in International Relations, Economics and Business" in France.

A graduate of law at the University of Paris and of the School of Comparative Civil Law in Paris has led him to be a legal advisor in a law firm in Paris for banks and financial institutions. Mr. Gisse has also done undergraduate and graduate work in economics at George Washington and Georgetown Universities.

Yves Gisse is vice-president of the French staff members of the three international monetary and banking institutions in Washington. He is also the founding member of the Yorktown Committee for the French Memorial at Yorktown (Virginia).

Yves Gisse has had a keen interest in visual arts, especially in paintings, and cultural issues for the last twenty four years and has organized 52 art exhibitions.

He is a resident of Foggy Bottom.

## SPECIAL FEATURE - "The Whitehurst Family" by Rhea Wessel

In August of 1991, Rhea Wessel, a journalism student at George Washington University was given the assignment to research and write an article on the Homeless for the Foggy Bottom News. On Saturday, August 27th, she entered the camp of "The Whitehurst Family", spent the day panhandling with the group and listened to their stories and opinions. Excerpts from her article are published in this issue. Photography by GW Student Martha McLamore.

## DIXON-EVANS A FOGGY BOTTOM SUCCESS

Over three hundred people filed out of the Foggy Bottom Association meeting last evening feeling content and connected with the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Sharon Pratt Dixon. In one meeting she had gone from the mayor...to "their" Mayor.

Councilman Jack Evans brought the Mayor into an anxious and curious, standing room only crowd, for the first Foggy Bottom meeting of the new year, hosted by president Chris Lamb, who presented the Mayor and Councilman Evans with a Foggy Bottom t-shirt.

Dixon came in the room followed by her Cabinet who ended up standing through the whole meeting because of a lack of chairs due to a capacity crowd.

After a strong speech, Dixon took questions from the audience. The audience was ready...and so was Dixon. Many of the questions had been well prepared by the community and ranged from inconsistencies in the various regulatory boards of the District government, to the homeless problem, to the bus route changes, to the lack of green trees in the area. A few testy questions were handled with honest evaluation and constructive and thoughtful response.

No question about it, she had the community in the palm of her hand...and they loved it. Congratulations go to The Foggy Bottom Association and to Jack Evans and Sharon Dixon and her Cabinet for a most successful evening of exchange that left everyone feeling they had been heard...and answered. No doubt about it...the Mayor has a strong constituency here.



FBA Festival

## Foggy Bottom Association

Meeting Monday 7:30 pm, October 28, 1991  
Special Guest Speaker

Mr. Yves Gisse, Manager  
The IMF Visitor's Center

St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street, NW

(Next Meeting: Monday November 25, 1991)

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## ANC-2A NEWS

### Update on Zoning Proposals by Barbara F. Kahlow



#### Blackie's Parking Lot

On September 10, the Zoning Commission by a 5-0 vote denied with prejudice the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Blackie's parking lot because of the proposed residential/commercial mix, the insufficient amenities package, etc.

#### IMF

On September 23, the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) filed an application with the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) to landmark the Western Presbyterian Church. Later on September 23, the Zoning Commission held the first day of its hearing on the proposed IMF PUD. Accepted as parties besides the IMF were the Western Presbyterian Church, ANC-2A, the FBA, and Citizens for a Responsive ANC-2A. The IMF presented its case and the DC Office of Planning gave its report. The Zoning Commission encouraged the IMF to sit down with the parties in opposition before the next hearing day in late October or November.

#### 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue/Square 14 Historic District

On September 3, the HPRB staff rejected the FBA's application to landmark the two Beers buildings which were partially demolished on August 3. On September 4, the Board of Zoning Adjustment by a 5-0 vote approved the several and significant variances from current zoning for the proposed development at 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue. On September 12, the City lifted the stop work order but further demolition was stayed by the DC Court of Appeals on September 18. On September 23, the DC Superior Court imposed a \$135,000 bond on the FBA. On September 25, the HPRB rejected by a 4-5 clouded vote the FBA's request for reconsideration of the Square 14 Historic District. Demolition is halted until the Court of Appeals decides on the illegally issued demolition permit, the propriety of the HPRB staff rejection of the Beers application, the clouded HPRB historic district votes, and the appeal of the bond.

The November 14th meeting will have to be rescheduled because of a conflict with the IMF Zoning meeting that same evening. Please call the ANC-2A office at (202) 659-0011 for new date.



**Captain  
Ross E. Swope**

Supervisor Sector 1

### NEW POLICE CAPTAIN FOR FOGGY BOTTOM/WEST END

Captain Ross E. Swope was assigned to supervise Sector I, which includes Foggy Bottom and the West End, on June 9, 1991. He replaced Captain Bruce McDonald who was assigned to the Special Operations Division.

Captain Swope characterizes himself as a "street cop, who has always worked on street observations." He believes in hands-on management and spends the majority of his time outside the office in order to better understand problems and deal with the people involved.

According to Swope, our community is experiencing particular problems with chronic automobile theft and the homeless. To deal with these problems, he deploys a force of 135 men and women in Sector 1 on a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week schedule. He relies on reports from the field and the crime patterns they reveal to deploy officers in Foggy Bottom and the West End.

Swope emphasizes that citizens in the community are an important factor in deterring crime. "I attend Foggy Bottom community meetings because I want feedback from the residents," Swope said. "Our goal as a police department is to develop a good rapport with the community so that we can do our best with limited resources."

Captain Swope added that residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End are welcome to call him at any time with questions or concerns. His telephone number is (202) 282-0032.

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## THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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### Items of Interest from the DC Register by Barbara F. Kahlow

#### Notice of Public Meetings

9/25-9:30 am Historic Preservation Review Board - including reconsideration of Square 14 historic district

10/15-11 am City Council confirmation hearing on nomination of Angel Clarens for BZA

10/18-9 am Cropp/Wilson hearing on reports of Ward task forces on redistricting

10/28-7 pm Zoning Commission - Foggy Bottom Historic District rezoning or overlay

#### Other Notices

9/27 Bill to close public alley in Square 120 (which includes the IMF, Western Presbyterian Church, and mini-park)

#### Decisions

9/20 Zoning Commission correction regarding PUD at 22nd & N Streets, NW

**Editor 1991-1992**

Kerry H. Stowell

My apologies to our Foggy Bottom readers. The first issue was a typographical disaster. I'm sorry. This issue is better. The next issue after this...better yet.

My thanks to those of you who offered constructive criticism and offered consolation. My special thanks to those of you who wrote and phoned your appreciation for the value of the articles.

The Foggy News has become a popular vehicle for an active community. The last issue of six thousand copies ran out. As a result of our success, we are increasing the run to eight thousand this time.

We all need encouragement. Please don't forget to thank some of the members of the community who have worked so hard to make Foggy Bottom a better place to live. The Commissioners, one and all, the Foggy activists; Kahlow, Niemic, Rubin, K. Olsen, Sarbacher, Kumbrinck, Bors, The Foggy Bottom Board, Chris Lamb, etc. They work long hours, attend endless meetings, and try to do what they can on all the issues that affect our area. They don't get paid. They simply do it because it's the right thing to do.

Distribution of the Foggy Bottom News has been bumpy, and we ask your patience. We are transferring to some new methods of delivering the paper to you in a more efficient and timely fashion. Unfortunately, during that transition period, there will be gaps in delivery and it will be frustrating to all of us. We should have it smoothed out by the first of the year. There will always be papers at the Safeway Watergate, Safeway Georgetown, ST. Mary's Court, People's Drugstore Watergate, 1st American Bank Columbia Plaza, Aroma Coffees at 24th Street, Watergate Health Club, Watergate Wines & Liquors and other shops in the neighborhood.

Letters to the Editor are welcome. Deadline is 5:00 pm the 5th of each month for that month's issue. Advertisers must have material camera-ready by the 5th.

Dear Kerry,

Congratulations to your new post as Editor of the FBN and the innovative first edition under your leadership!

In answer to Petra Osinski's letter to you dated July 3, 1991 and printed in the September edition of the FBN, I wish to let all our readers know that I have continued negotiations with the Department of Public Works regarding additional trees in the 2400 and 2500 blocks of K Street. In early May of this year I was promised 15 additional trees to be planted in the median strip of K Street. A map dated May 20 1991 showing what we will be getting in the fall planting season is attached and I hope that, together with this letter, the map can also be published in the next edition of the News so all of us can rejoice.

Thank you, With warm regards, Maria Tyler  
Commissioner ANC 2A03

**Ed Note:** Map could not be reproduced here, but please contact Commissioner Tyler for copies, tel. 337-7896

(excerpt from letter to the editor:)

Dear Kerry:

I am very worried that the IMF's General Council's request to exclude the relocation from the proceedings will prevail and therefore think we will need to make our case in terms of the inadequacy of the package of benefits being offered by the IMF.

Petra Osinski

**Foggy Bottom News****EDITORIAL**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR  
October 1991

**AN OPEN LETTER TO FOGGY BOTTOM RESIDENTS**

FROM JOHN W. WIMBERLY, JR.  
PASTOR, WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There is a great deal of fear and uncertainty about the presence of Miriam's Kitchen in our new church which will soon be built on the corner of Virginia Avenue, 24th, and G Streets N.W. I think such fears are understandable. It is helpful to begin with a bit of history.

Western Presbyterian Church has been located in Foggy Bottom for 136 years. In times of turbulent change, more than a few churches have abandoned the city for the suburbs. However, through a civil war, world wars, racial tension, and other difficult times, Western has remained firmly committed to remaining in Foggy Bottom. In three different locations, we have had a reputation of being a good neighbor. When we move to our new location, we will make every effort to continue our tradition of being a good neighbor.

In the past eight years our congregation has experienced a wonderful re-birth. In 1990 Sunday attendance averaged 130 (a 50% increase from eight years ago). In that time we have received 123 new members, most of whom are under the age of 45. We had no Sunday school for children. Now we have 10-12 children. Few center city churches can speak of such exciting growth. According to architects and engineers we hired, our present building requires three to five hundred thousand dollars for basic renovations. It is also not designed to accommodate the kinds of programs we presently have. Therefore we decided to examine the possibility of a move with the International Monetary Fund.

Now to the neighborhood concerns about Miriam's Kitchen. When we first established Miriam's Kitchen seven years ago, our neighbors at 19th and H Streets stated concerns similar to those now being expressed. They worried about homeless men loitering in the area, litter, security problems, etc. We have worked hard to address problems as they have arisen. Our present neighbors tell us the program has not been the problem they thought it would be. PEPCO even recognized some of the program's founders and volunteers with an award.

We are committed to having similar success in the new location. To the best of our ability we will anticipate problems and solve them before they become problematic. When unanticipated issues arise, we will address them promptly and effectively. Our congregation, staff, and feeding program have a proven history of being sensitive to the concerns of our neighbors. If we cannot run the program to the satisfaction of reasonable neighbors, we will end it.

Part of our success comes from the direct cooperation of the homeless we serve. We have told them that if they loiter in the area, litter, etc. we will close the program. They have been the best enforcers of our policies. They realize the existence of the feeding program is dependent on their cooperation.

Indeed, the fact we feed the homeless has given us leverage with them we otherwise would not have. They owe little or nothing to most people they meet. They owe us breakfast. As a result, we have a bargaining tool when we talk with them.

Unlike some others who work with the homeless, we have intentionally kept a low profile. We are not a political organization. We are simply interested in providing the homeless in our area with a warm, healthy meal to start the day.

I have been deeply touched by the way many residents of Foggy Bottom care for the homeless. We know of people who have taken a blanket or warm coat to someone living on a grate. We know of Foggy Bottom residents who have helped some of the homeless receive health care. Many of our volunteers and contributors are residents of Foggy Bottom.

As a congregation, we are committed to feeding the homeless and in being good neighbors. We will do what is needed to insure that Miriam's Kitchen does not become a problem for the neighborhood. Will there be times when people become irritated with our program? Probably. However, we believe that any irritations which arise can be dealt with and corrected. We will not allow problems to become chronic.

We do not condone harassing behavior by homeless or other persons. We will work with the community and the homeless to deal with such harassment. We are deeply concerned with crime in our community. We would like to work with those who seek to understand the true sources of such crime and possible solutions to it.

Our congregation has a deep commitment to the biblical mandate to care for the poor, hungry, sick, and persons otherwise disadvantaged. Gratefully, in this nation, churches, synagogues, mosques and other worshipping communities are guaranteed constitutionally the right to express their religious beliefs not only in words but in actions. These actions typically involve the use of their building and assets. Our right to express our religious beliefs at 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. seems to be under attack by some in this controversy.

I have no naive expectation that this letter will end the angry protest surrounding our feeding program. However, I do hope it will help people to understand that we will come to our new location with two commitments: to follow and express our religious beliefs (including the care for the homeless) and to be responsible neighbors. For 136 years we have lived out those commitments. We will do so in the future as well. Thank you for considering our position.

Sincerely,

John Wimberly, Jr.  
Pastor

**FOGGY BOTTOM CRIME REPORT & PREVENTION**

by C.A. Mitchell

Crimes reported in and around the Foggy Bottom/West End residential areas for September 1991 include:

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon**

9/5 24th &amp; I St. 2:50 pm

9/23 2000 Penn Ave. 8:35 pm

**Robberies in Public Spaces**

9/1 510 21st St. 7:15 pm

9/3 24th &amp; VA Ave. 7:50 pm

9/4 2400 VA Ave. 12:55 pm

9/21 940 25th Ave. 10:35 pm

9/25 2440 M St. 9:00 pm

9/26 2400 VA Ave. 9:40 am

9/26 2600 Penn Ave. 2:10 am

9/30 2300 I St. 9:25 pm

**Burglaries/Thefts in Homes**

9/7 950 25th St.

9/8 2400 VA Ave.

9/8 2301 E St.

9/8 2008 G St.

9/10 1280 21st St.

9/15 1010 25th St.

9/21 2440 VA Ave.

9/22 2008 G St.

9/27 2501 K St.

**Automobiles**

3 cars stolen from lots

9/14 1113 23rd St.

9/20 1120 23rd St.

9/26 700 New Hamp Ave.

2 cars stolen from street

9/25 2626 Penn Ave.

9/29 22nd &amp; N St.

**30 Thefts of Property from Parked Cars**

9/1 1101 23rd St.

9/1 26th &amp; K St.

9/3 22nd &amp; New Hamp Ave.

9/6 2100 G St.

9/7 900 26th St.

9/8 2nd &amp; M St.

9/9 949 25th St.

9/9 2300 I St.

9/9 2532 I St.

9/10 2401 M St.

9/10 2201 VA Ave.

9/10 1010 25th St.

9/10 2025 E St.

9/11 955 26th St.

9/13 2600 K St.

9/17 2002 G St.

9/19 2300 N St.

9/20 1221 22nd St.

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9/21 900 New Hamp Ave.

9/21 8 Snows Court

9/23 2601 Ave.

9/24 2020 F St.

9/24 801 New Hamp Ave.

9/25 1134 25th St.

9/25 2140 L St.

9/26 2400 Penn Ave.

9/28 1250 24th St.

9/29 955 26th St.

**Simple Assault**

9/6 2600 Penn Ave. 2:05 pm

9/7 2000 F St. 7:45 pm

9/20 901 23rd St. 8:30 pm

9/21 26th &amp; K St. 3:40 pm

9/22 2004 G St. 1:15 am

9/22 20th &amp; G St. 10:30 am

9/26 900 23rd St. 9:20 am

**Destruction of Property**

9/3 2401 H St.

9/9 1250 22nd St.

9/10 2004 G St.

9/27 2522 I St.

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. Assist by reporting non-emergency, suspicious activity to the Metropolitan Police Department at 727-4326. Call 911 for emergencies.

Dear Editor,

I am writing you in reference to your newspaper, The Foggy Bottom News, which I find very interesting and with your crime report, which is the most interesting, since I am a police officer who works at the Second District which is located on 3320 Idaho Ave., NW.

I have been working for the Metropolitan Police Department for one year and I currently patrol on foot in the Foggy Bottom area. My hours are 10:30pm-6:30am. That is why most citizens don't see me. I would like to give a few crime prevention tips.

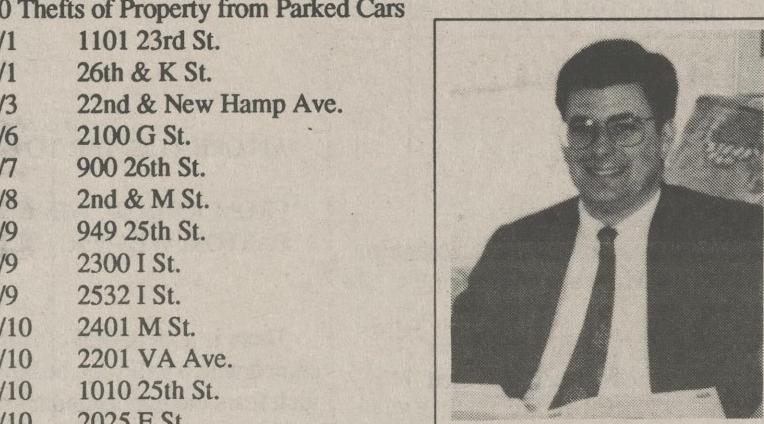
I have noticed that most individuals leave valuable items such as small portable radios, televisions, briefcases, clothing, and spare change in their vehicle. Any item that is visible and worth something...is worth smashing your window for.

If you must walk at night, try not to carry large amounts of money, or large purses, because you will be a good target for a robbery.

(excerpts)

Yours truly,

Officer Dennis Fair-(282-0070)



**CHRIS LAMB**  
President

**FOGGY BOTTOM  
ASSOCIATION**  
**1991-1992**

**OCTOBER REPORT**

September has been an exceptionally busy month for the Foggy Bottom Association. Some of the important issues included: ANC-2A redistricting, IMF/Western Presbyterian, West End Apartments and 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Perhaps the most exciting event was Mayor Dixon's appearance at our September meeting. The Mayor was energetic, articulate and at times inspiring. The most frequently asked questions involved development and the homeless. The Foggy Bottom Association was pleased that so many residents came to hear the Mayor speak. We only hope that our neighbors remain involved and attend future meetings.

The most difficult issue facing the membership this year has been the IMF Planned Unit Development (PUD) and the Western Presbyterian Church move to 24th and G. It's important to remember that there are 3 critical aspects to this project. First, the IMF wants zoning concessions in exchange for which it must provide benefits or amenities to the community. IMF is offering two benefits: landscaping and continued public access to its Visitors Center. The FBA opposes the IMF project because the amenity package is insufficient. Second, the Church wants to bring Miriam's Kitchen, a feeding program for the homeless, to its new location. The new location is in a residential area and the program poses two potential problems: security and dispersal of the homeless. Third, the Church may be a historic landmark. The existing church facility was built in 1930, it had a prominent architect and its Gothic Revival style is distinctive. The Foggy Bottom Association filed a landmark application to preserve the existing church based on the historic merits of the building. The FBA Board unanimously passed a resolution urging all parties to initiate a dialogue to address issues of concern to the community.



Foggy Festival

Finally, the event requiring the most work was the annual Foggy Bottom Fall Festival. Many volunteers contributed to this effort. There was a large turnout of neighbors who shopped, enjoyed good food, heard great music, and talked to their friends and elected officials. The event was worth all of the time and effort by members of the Foggy Bottom Association. It's great to see our community get together and have a good time.

Some upcoming events are very important to our Association. The Zoning Commission will be holding hearings on downzoning the Foggy Bottom Historic District. John Wilson will be addressing the Second Police District Citizen's Advisory Council. Talks will be initiated with George Washington University on the West End Apartments. And, of course, there will be lots of activity on the IMF/Western Presbyterian Church proposal. The Foggy Bottom Association welcomes resident input on all these issues and hopes the neighborhood remains concerned, active, and involved. I hope to see you at our next meeting.

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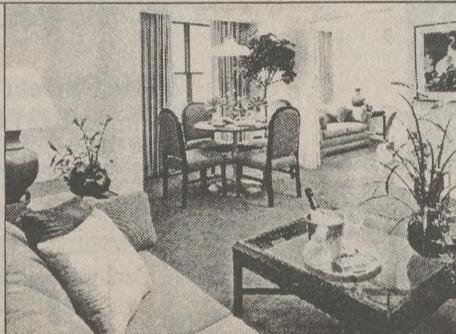
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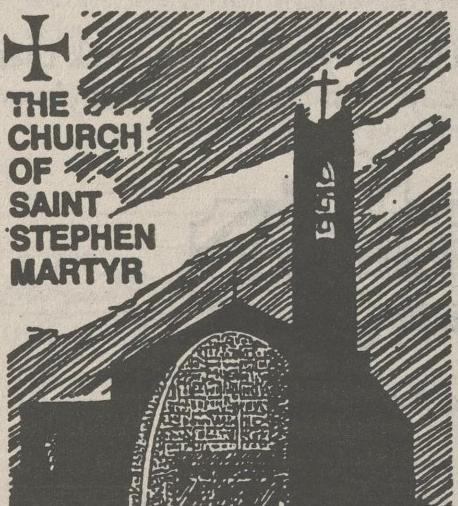
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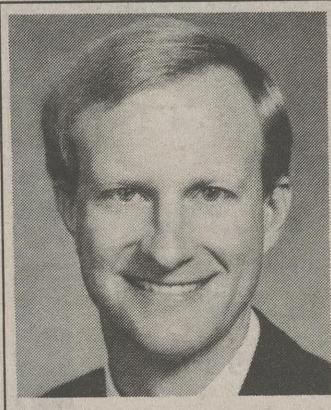
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*Monthly Letter to:  
THE FOGGY BOTTOM  
RESIDENTS*

There has been talk recently about the harmful effects of the NIMBY (Not in My Backyard) syndrome. I always like to remind people that Ward 2 residents are rarely guilty of NIMBY since we are the backyard for many of the District's problems.

One case which highlights this particularly well is the proposed relocation of the Western Presbyterian Church which houses Miriam's Kitchen, a program which serves breakfast to up to 300 homeless individuals daily. This relocation would place yet another burden on the Foggy Bottom neighborhood which already "hosts" eight encampments, eight homeless trailers and has been besieged by an alarming increase in aggressive panhandlers and crime. For these reasons-not because of the NIMBY syndrome-the neighborhood does not support the relocation of Miriam's Kitchen and neither do I.

I have been meeting with officials from the church, IMF and the District government to see how we could avoid placing Miriam's Kitchen in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. Unfortunately, neither IMF nor the church are willing to consider allowing the feeding site to remain at its current commercial location and be housed within the new IMF building.

It is common practice for the District government to require developers to provide the neighborhood with "amenities" in exchange for granting them the right to build new structures that exceed "matter of right" zoning laws. Since the IMF's proposal must be approved by the D.C. Zoning Commission, it is possible to condition such approval upon their willingness to allow the feeding site to be placed within their new building.

I have written the Zoning Commission to express my opposition to moving Miriam's Kitchen. I will also express my opposition to the relocation when the IMF places before the City Council their proposal to close the church's alley in order to build.

I encourage you to contact the D.C. Zoning Commission and your at-large Councilmembers Ray, Lightfoot, Mason and Cropp to let them know of your support for keeping Miriam's Kitchen at its current location and forward copies of your correspondence to me.

**Councilman Jack Evans**  
District Building  
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Councilman Jack Evans

**Opening Night Impressions  
from the Hearing on the IMF PUD**

Hearings before the D. C. Zoning Commission regarding the IMF's PUD application (see Foggy Bottom News September 1991, p. 12) got off to an interesting start on September 23 at 7:00pm. Only two of the organizations that obtained party status to the case could be heard and cross-examined before the hearing was reconvened at 10:15 p.m. With Commissioner Boasberg in the chair and only Commissioners Parsons and Smith attending, the central issue being examined by the Commission was whether the package of community amenities proposed by the IMF as part of the PUD would satisfy the legal requirement that excesses over existing building rights can only be granted if they are of offset by commensurate gains in community amenities that are financed by the applicant.

As was shown by the ANC-2A, the additional building rights sought by the IMF have a financial value of about \$41 million. New and additional amenities that would be provided by the IMF in exchange for the requested building rights consist of a \$ 7 - 8 million landscaping design which would, for the most part, be executed on existing D.C. sidewalks and expanded operations at the IMF's existing Visitor's Center. These additional amenities would, however, be more than net by the loss of the now existing open space at the corner of 19th and H Streets N.W., the loss of an existing, well-defined park that complements two other parks along the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and H Streets, and the loss of an architecturally meritorious church structure from its present site, where it enhances the vista from Washington's most important avenue. On balance, the proposed PUD implies therefore a net loss of amenities to the community--clear grounds for its rejection by the Zoning Commission.

On September 23, the losses to the community resulting from the proposed PUD were never mentioned. It is to be hoped that depositions by the neighborhood organizations that have party status in the case and testimonies by individual residents will fill in this gap when the hearing is reconvened.

Petra Osinski

**Meeting will reconvene on Thursday, November 14,  
District Building , 7:00 pm**



Barbara Kubinski, Branch Librarian  
West End Library, 24th & L St., NW

The new Branch Librarian for the West End Library arrived July 17, 1991 from The Tenley Branch. Since her arrival, there has been an increase of 368 books borrowed for the month of August. Her displays have encouraged community participation and rentals.

The Library averages over five thousand rentals per month, both hard back and paper. The current display is "Christopher Columbus", with future displays called, "Taste for Murder", "Ghosts and Gholies". Kubinski initiates and arranges displays in the library.

The District of Columbia Board of Elections today scheduled a Special Election for Tuesday, November 5, 1991, after certifying that the petition in support of Referendum Measure #006 contained the legally required number of voter signatures for placement on the ballot. Referendum #006, if approved by voters, would reject the Council's recent repeal of the "Assault Weapon Manufacturing Strict Liability Act", which holds manufacturers, importers, and dealers of certain assault weapons "strictly liable" for injuries caused by the weapons.

The November 5th ballot will also include Initiative Measure #31, "The Prohibition of Horse-Drawn Carriages Act", which would outlaw horse-drawn carriages in the District for all uses except parades and funeral processions. (This Initiative Measure has been pending since June 27th, when it was certified by the Board to appear at the next citywide election.) All registered voters--regardless of party affiliation--may vote in the Special Election. A summary of each Measure will appear on the ballot, and voters will vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" each Measure separately. The ballot language appears below:

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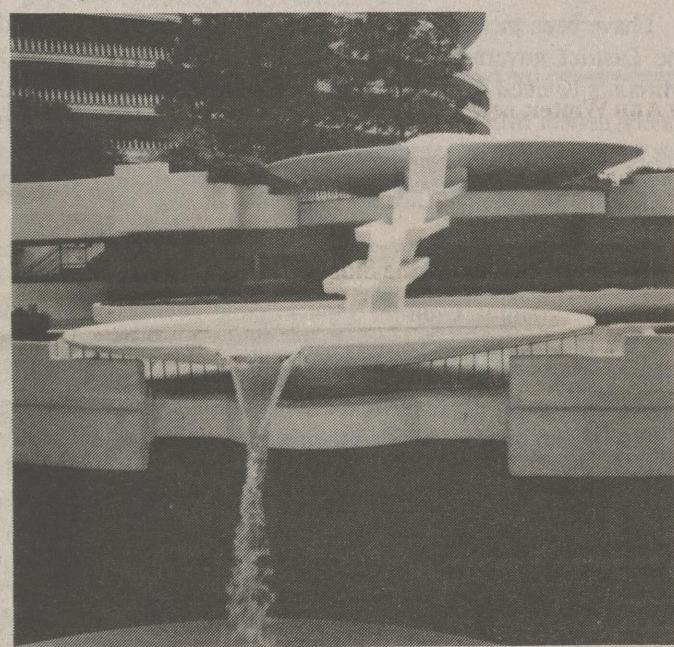
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## SIDEWALK TALK

by: Betty Olsen



The Dusault family, who used to live on 25th Street had their forth child, with the arrival of Anne, their daughter, just about six months ago. Stephan J. Trachtenberg, GWU president, has joined other shakers and movers of the city by becoming a member of the effective Federal City Council...they really influence our lives.

Don Tobey just returned from London, and Sonya Schuster is off to Geneva while Barbara Julian is soaking up the desert sun in Scottsdale, Arizona. But William Lee went the furthest of all....to Korea.

Did you know that Reggie Turner a FB fireman is also a bartender at TGI FRIDAY? (A new advertiser of our's in The News this month.)

Hear that Nina Johnston is recuperating nicely from recent surgery. Susan Reintzel took a moment while walking her three Yorkies, Hermie, Quincy, and Stacey, to talk photography with me. "I'm really interested in close-up work these days," she exclaimed.

Dr. Forest K. Harris who has practiced general medicine in The Bottom for 35 years, says he plans to retire in January. His office has been at 800 New Hampshire Avenue.

Well, did you see the flasher at Columbia Plaza recently?

Mary Ann Winter, new PR Director of the University Club at GW, lives at Columbia Plaza. I'll check with her. Seriously folks, and we were being serious...

Lucille Molinelli says that the West End Citizens Association will meet at the State Plaza Hotel, Diplomat Room, October 12, 2 to 4:00 pm. See you soon...on the Sidewalk...let's Talk.

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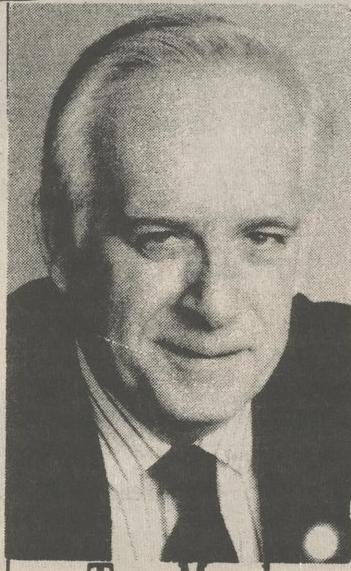
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## THE MONEY PAGE

October 1991

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The District's uninsured bonds carry an A-minus rating by Standard & Poor's. While our new mayor seems to be moving in the right direction in terms of getting the budget under control, a downgrading of D.C.'s bonds is not out of the question. In today's economic and political climate, we do not recommend buying bonds with ratings below AA. The city's insured bonds carry an automatic AAA rating, but you pay for that insurance by getting a lower yield. A 10-year insured D.C. bond returns about 6.45%, while the yield on the uninsured munis is 6.75%.

A key point to remember when buying bonds or bond funds is that the value of your investment will vary inversely with interest rates. In other words, when rates rise, the prices of your fixed-income securities will fall, and vice versa. Another factor to consider is the maturity (life) of the bond. The longer the maturity, the more a bond's price will fluctuate.

If you have CDs maturing soon, you should carefully evaluate the merits of rolling them over at today's low rates. The national average yield on a six-month CD is just 5.40%, although you can get higher returns in the D.C. area. We are currently advising our clients that they should NOT roll over their CDs. Those funds could be employed more profitably by paying down credit-card debt (interest charges are no longer tax-deductible) or choosing other investments.

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- 20-OCTOBER-through the 27th-Kirov Ballet, Kennedy Center, Opera House**
- 22-OCTOBER-Tuesday 2:30 pm, IMF,"Indonesia Facing the World Economy", 700 19th St.,NW**
- 23-OCTOBER-Wednesday and Thursday the 24th-Fall Sale-11:00am-7:00pm , 1920 G St. NW**
- 23-OCTOBER-"Lisner At Noon"-Free Wednesday Concerts-12:15 PM-George Washington University,**  
Susan Osburn, Soprano
- 26-OCTOBER-Saturday, 10:00 AM-C & P Community Hearing on rate increases proposed by C&P. Persons wishing to testify-call Comm.Secy. Jesse Clay, Jr.,at: 625-5100 before noon on the day before the scheduled hearing.**
- 29-OCTOBER-Tuesday-2:30 pm, IMF, 700 19th Street,NW,"Emerging Stock Markets"**
- 30-OCTOBER-"Lisner At Noon"-Free Wednesday Concerts-Eve Kornhauser, Cantor,Hebrew Art Songs**
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### CITIZENS' PROTEST RESULTS IN COMPROMISE CONSOLIDATION OF BUS ROUTES #80 AND 81

by Laetitia Combrinck, President  
York Apartments Tenants' Assoc.

The Metro board moved Sept. 26, '91 to rule in favor of the Foggy Bottom residents' appeals for retaining accessible bus service, and approved a modified consolidation plan of bus routes #80 and 81, to become effective in January '92.

Credit is due Councilmember Hilda Mason, Chairperson of the Metroboard, for deferring decision on the matter at the September 12 board meeting, in view of strong protest from the local residents against WMATA's economizing plan to eliminate rt. 81 and instead, to extend rt. 80's run along Virginia Ave. to the Kennedy Center. This led Mrs. Mason's office to consider the consolidation proposal made by Laetitia Combrinck, i.e., the bus should simply follow the existing route #81 from the State Department by turning up 20th Street to G Street, etc. Furthermore, the weight that Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans' support gave to our protest action in addressing our concerns to the Metroboard members on the D.C. Council, certainly was a vital factor.

Through this intervention an acceptable compromise was forged between WMATA's goal to cut costs and the needs of the local bus riders. The "consolidated" bus, to be designated #80, will run at 20 minute intervals along this route:

Westbound: from 19th Street, the bus will turn right on Virginia Ave. to the State Department and proceed along Virginia Ave. to the Kennedy Center;

Eastbound: from the Kennedy Center it will proceed to H Street, turn right up H Street, then take a right on 23rd Street, turn left on F Street, then right on 21st Street and left on Virginia Ave. to 18th Street, where it will follow the existing bus route for rts. #80 and 81.

Clear proof that "residents who stand up for some thing together, enjoy the benefits together"! Our concerted effort paid off, thanks to everyone who signed the petition against reduction of the bus service provided by #81 (this project was launched in July by Mrs. Angela Herrin from the Empire Apartments) and certainly to the Foggy Bottom Association's board who presented the residents' protest at the WMATA hearing. A separate appeal was also made by St. Mary's Court staff.

Any further queries may be directed to Messrs Larry Glick and David Erion in the Planning Office of WMATA:

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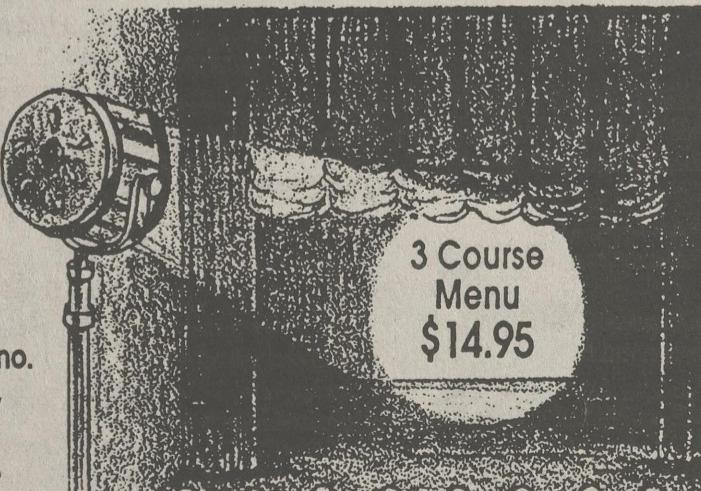
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After months of researching various camps of Homeless in the D.C. area, Rhea Wessel, on assignment to the Foggy Bottom News, wrote the following article, after spending a day panhandling undercover. This is her story.

## "The Whitehurst Family" - The Professional Homeless of Foggy Bottom by Rhea Wessel

**Karen, Tony, Larry, Deanne 'D', Otto and Naomi have families and homes. They are on the streets because they choose to be.**

Karen came to DC and married a man whom she later found out was a drug dealer. He beat her and stole the money she made working as a secretary. Since then, she has been living on the streets with Tony, the man who "saved" her from her husband. On weekdays, Karen, 39, from Maryland, is up at 6:45 am panhandling on the entrance ramp to the Whitehurst Freeway. "Business" is only good Monday through Friday when the commuters come into the city. Saturday and Sunday, she works on the "Avenue"-Pennsylvania Avenue. Every morning, Karen is responsible for getting the Washington Post, a pack of Newport cigarettes and a can of Lipton Iced Tea from the Exxon gas station at 26th and Pennsylvania Avenue. "I don't give nobody a hard time. I tell everyone to have a nice day even if they don't help me out. It's a law now. You can get thrown in jail if you harass people."

The "Whitehurst Family", as they call themselves, is a thriving democracy. They vote, have appointed duties, have rules, have a group song, and even have an entry pass word. The thumbs up and thumbs down signs are used to show how each individual feels about a certain subject or person.

'D' was the subject Saturday. She left for a couple of hours to go panhandling. A man offered her \$15 to show him her body and she did it. The group did not like this. She was voted out of the camp.

Life on the streets for this group is profitable. By panhandling, they earn an average of \$10 an hour during the rush hour. Last winter during the New Year's holidays, Larry said he earned \$690.00, (not including money spent on liquor) during three days of panhandling.

Larry's mother comes to the camp twice a week with bags of food. "I make pork chops for them and country ham", she says, "and last week I brought them a pan of biscuits. I always stay here until they eat it all." Occasionally, "mom" will give the group some cigarettes or spare change. "There ain't nothing you can do for these people. Those people giving them money on the streets are making them homeless. I wish the government would make a law kicking all the people out from underneath the bridges. That way the ones who could work would."

At 7:30 every morning the first plane flies over the camp. "That's my alarm clock", Tony from Pennsylvania said. He begins his day as the others do, with a cigarette and a drink. As each one begins to wake up, they grab a cigarette and a cup of vodka. The vodka gets them going and keeps them warm. On Weekdays, the group "shoots the bull" for a while and then gets to work.

On the side of the bridge the group has a designated area for the bathroom. The odor is isolated from the camp because it is 20 yards away from their tent, but the view is not. The bathroom is in full view of those driving into Georgetown or onto the Whitehurst freeway. The Whitehurst Family showers at Thompson's Boat House. "They got showers over there that's free. We shower there all year long."

On Saturdays and Sundays, the pace is a little bit more relaxed. Business primarily comes from church goers, tourists, and people walking in Georgetown.

The rules of the camp are basic and unspoken. Don't steal from people in the camp. Contribute the money you make panhandling to the pot-in the form of cigarettes, liquor or cash, and don't do drugs.

Their opinions of area support services for the homeless were quite specific.

**Miriam's Kitchen**-"We don't go over there. We cook for ourselves. We go to the Safeway, buy food and cook it on our grill. Miriam's Kitchen used to be good, "you used to could get a good meal with no hassle. But now there are just too many people. The lines are too long."

**Soup Wagons**-"The food is gross-we'd rather cook for ourselves."

**Salvation Army Truck** which stops on Pennsylvania Avenue between 20th and 21st streets NW. "The food is sometimes good, sometimes not. They usually serve peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or soup." From another, "sometimes the soup looks like it has roaches in it. There's not enough protein in it and too much starch."

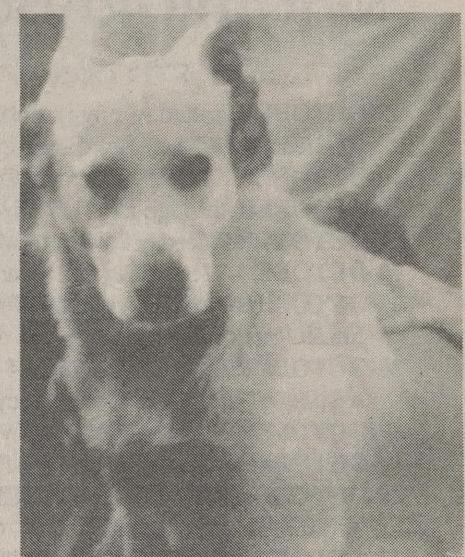
**McKinney's Wagon** at 21st and M Street, NW. "It's too hostile. You can't get your food if your white. The blacks go to the front of the line and pass out the food. They're in control."

**The Trailers** by Howard Johnson's- "you know what's funny about those trailers, Tony said, "they built them for us and we won't go there. There is too much violence over there. People have been shot." Another added, "They got lice in their beds over there. I stayed there once and caught lice. I had to go to GW to get rid of them." "Only criminals, ex-convicts and drug addicts stay at the trailers", another said, "I won't stay there. The people that stay there will steal your stuff right out from underneath you if you fall asleep. From another, "I don't like the trailers because I can't get enough sleep when I stay there".

This is just part of the story and opinions of the "Whitehurst Family". They have families and homes. They are on the streets because they choose to be. They are the "Professional Homeless".



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